

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Feb 58	2. LOCATION Gander AFB, Newfoundland	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <i>Arcturus</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 25/0630Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE VIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 hrs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4 on radar/multi	9. COURSE RADAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Radar sighting obj that moved fm SE to NW erratically. Visual sighting of obj at 45 deg elev 150 deg azimuth not the same as the rptd radar track. Visual//appear real. No radar film obj stationary. Radar track disappeared//taken. Visual portion evaluated in West, visual sighting azimuth 150 deg. No duration given other than 1½ hrs. Positional info & other data on the Radar plots not furnished.		11. COMMENTS A/C ruled out at source. Wind direction rules out balloon. WX info not included, however tracks not furnished, however the duration of the sighting was listed as 1½ hrs. No speed, no mention of flight formation given. Alt given as 200 ft at one point. Insf data to conclude on radar portion(see case same date fm Gander Nfd).

0700Z

0622Z LINE 1054  
0330

1654 H.

RCB54

SQFZ72 TVE109HQF078

... YY RJEPSQ

DE RJEPMQ 801

R 260608Z

FM COTS USAF

TO COMDR ATIC

Note: See Newfoundland Lighting, same date,  
Visual by J. Leroy Neville - approx  
1250Z25Z ZEN 21hr. later.

N 84641N CONAD CC PEP AFB KFLD

TO RJDIC/COMDR 932ND ACWRCI.

RJEDDN/CINC CONAD ENT AFB COLO

RJERSM/COMDR 931ST ACWRON

RJEPMQ/COTS USAF WASH 25 DC

BT

UNCLAS CONAD CC 1594 UFGD REPORT.

1. A. ROUND
- B. BASEBALL
- C. RED
- D. ONE
- E. NY
- F. NONE
- G. NEGATIVE
- H. NEGATIVE

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SPL RALPH, RADAR MAINTENANCE, 226TH ACACRON, GARDEN, I.P.

ALL ABOVE MENTIONED PERSONNEL CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE.

7. A. CLIMATE AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.

B. 1260/18

✓ 260/15

✓ 270/20

✓ 280/35

300/50

300/70

280/30

150/20

C. NONE

D. UNLIMITED

E. NIL

F. NIL

G. NIL

H. NONE

I. NONE

II. LOCATION OF SIGHTING MAKES PROPER ANALYSIS OF SAME DIFFICULT.

III. POSSIBILITIES AS FAR AS IDENTIFIED AIR TRAFFIC ARE CONCERNED WERE

WINDS FROM THE WEST, A, Visual UFO  
was moving into  
wind (NW) (see 2A)  
*(Not a balloon)*  
Reason. →

B. Radar UFO  
was moving into  
wind (WEST) (see 2B)

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NO CONNECTION WITH NO CONNECTION DISCOVERED WITH REGARD TO SAME.

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movement  
of object

S

150°

2. AT VERY ERRATIC ZIGZAGGING COURSE AT RANGE OF 12 TO 15 MILES,  
AZIMUTH OF 150<sup>o</sup> 330 DEGREES.

3. APPEARANCE INSIDE IIZ OF RADAR RETURN OF MODE 2 IFF. TRACK TURNED TO SE THEN TO E, NE AND W. DIRECTION CENTER HAD NO POSSIBLE IDENT AND SINCE TRACK FADED AFTER TURN TO WEST, OPS PERSONNEL WENT OUTSIDE TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANYTHING IN THE AREA WHERE THE TRACK WAS LAST SEEN. See plot below

RADAR

C. 45 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 152 DEGREES, STILL IN SIGHT.

D. CURVING FLIGHT OVER ERATIC COURSE.

E. STILL IN VIEW.

F. AT 0630Z, 1 1/2 HOURS.

G. A. VISUAL.

B. NONE.

C. N/A

4. A. 25/2632Z

0630Z - <sup>3:30</sup> = 0300 A.M. LOCAL - 25 Feb 57

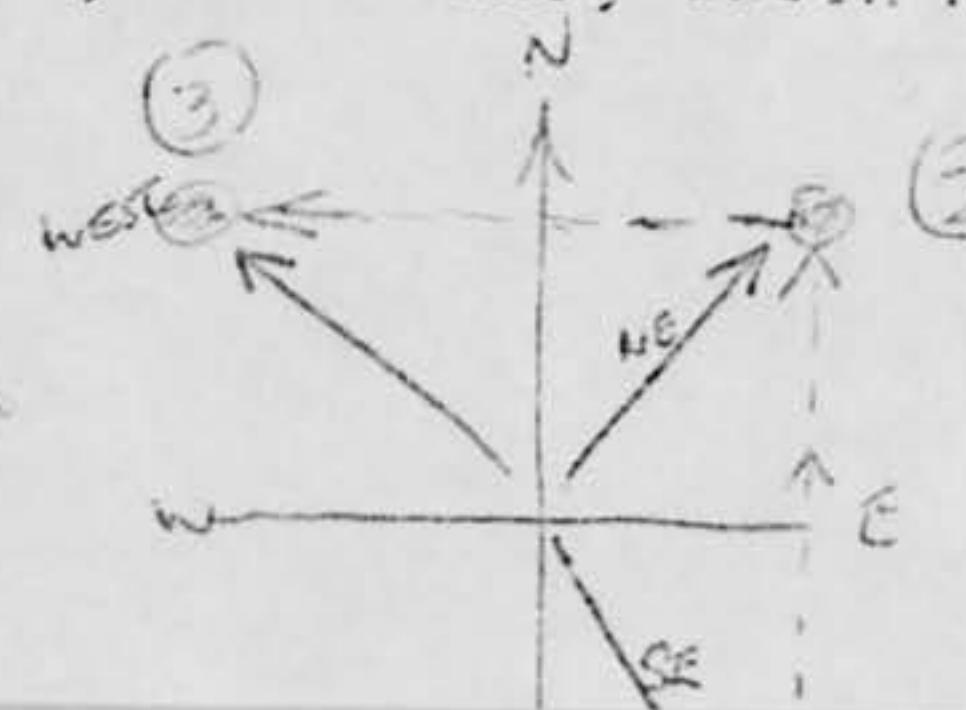
D. NIGHT

E. A. JKFD 2554.

F. F/O MILLER, DUTY CONTROLLER 226TH UC&W BN, GANDER, NF.

CPL FERGESSON, CREW CHIEF, 226TH AC&W BN, GANDER, NF.

apparently  
stationary  
object, or  
one with  
imperceptible  
movement



Note diff. between  
Visual and Radar Track

251283Z FEB 1968

Note:  
Have requested  
full-scale investigation  
of bit KQ R/S and  
feel also below 1956.  
area distance 20 feet  
(or more) from this point  
and "UNK now" pointing  
West. With investigation  
as far as the investigator  
needs it. C.R.

ATC Comment:

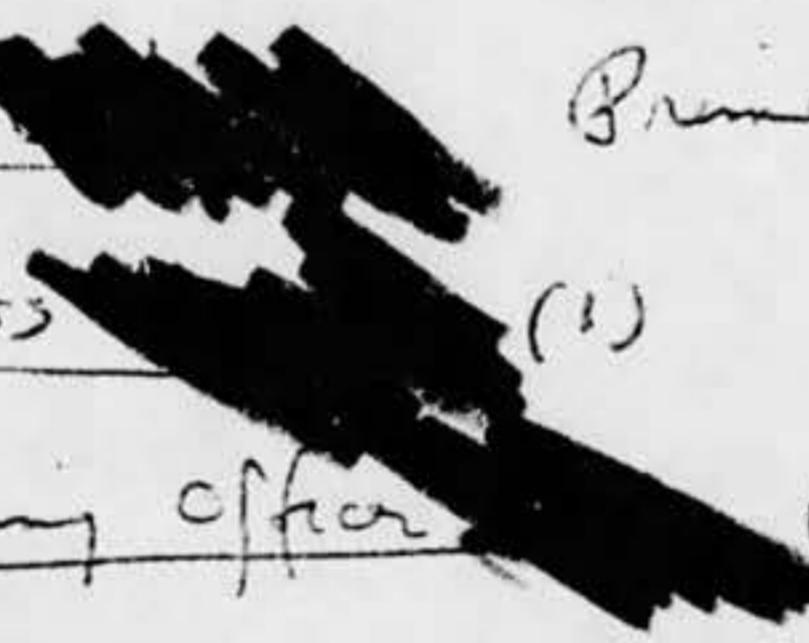
- (1) Majority of reports showing UFO having blinding or retarding lights (I.P.) are found to be aircraft. However, Air traffic check here (11) rules this out apparently.
- (2) Hovering, erratic course, and in sight for almost 1½ hours in some locality is definitely a well-known balloon element. However, wind plots show that the object cleared both visually and by radar - was moving into the wind.
- (3) Navy - USAF Wx Charts (for high-altitude tests) Flt. Nos. 35, and 161-70 definitely show 50-70 foot balloons are carried near the Newfoundland area here by jet streams. Tracked by both AAC & FCC - Confirmed.
- (4) A huge balloon of this size, can drag the ground for some considerable distance (See 2nd MSG, UFOS 1668) without radio.
- (5) Also possible for ghosts to wander around in the country and blow up the ground after.

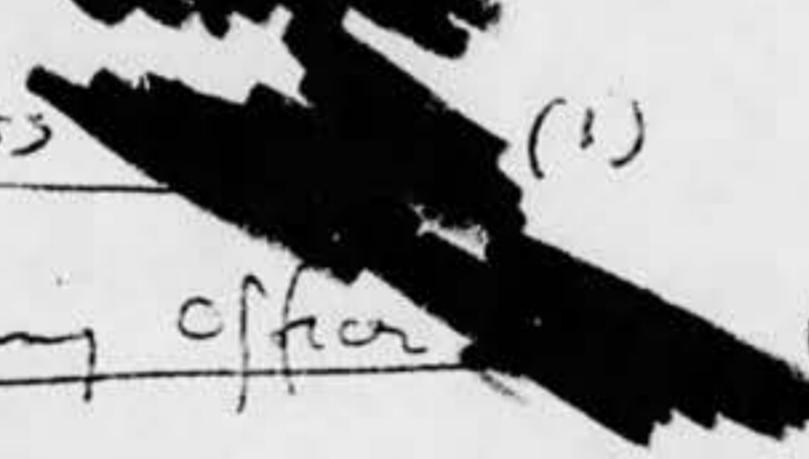
Brief - Newfoundland Sighting

25 February 1958

1. Upon review of all available data it becomes apparent that this case involves
  - a. Gross exaggerations for publicity purposes.
  - b. Mistaken identification of terrestrial lights i.e. (1) Red Light from some vehicle
  - (2) Star, seen through adverse atmospheric conditions

2. Cross-reference with respect to specific sources involved:

1a. M.  Prime Source

1b. M.  (1)

1b. Flying Officer  (2)

3. The three (3) reportedly seen sightings apparently were not related, and possibly influenced the others.

4. However, there were four (4) other sightings plotted at the time of 1st sources report which remain unidentifed.

5. Pending further information or development, will place in "Unknown" category. CJA

Further questioning of Flying Officer [REDACTED] on the sighting at 1600Z revealed that, in his opinion, this object was definitely a bright star with changing colors due to some atmospheric condition prevailing at that time. The object was sighted as being south-east of Gander, and this gave [REDACTED] the fact apparent that this sighting was also not the same as [REDACTED]. But the fact exists, that Symeow had four unidentified plots at about that time on an object approximately at 2000 feet.

[REDACTED] reported two different sightings, the first at 25/0410Z and the second at 26/0405Z, and the position of both sightings was the same, south west of Glenwood in the vicinity of an operating Bowaters Wood Camp. It is not known as yet whether any activity at this camp at those times could have caused a glow in the sky and made [REDACTED] feel that he had seen some strange object. The clearing presumably found by [REDACTED] could have been a wood yard made by a bulldozer prior to the snowfall. Bowaters has a bulldozer in that area of this camp, but the officials did not know if it had made such a clearing.

10. The existence of the clearing with freshly broken and uprooted trees as described by [REDACTED] cannot be disregarded. The fact that [REDACTED] was unable to guide the ground party back to it could be due to his lack of knowledge of the area. His home is in Deer Lake, and he has been away from Newfoundland for several years. Although quite well known in Glenwood because of relatives there, he still does not possess intimate knowledge of the terrain. Further ground search is not recommended because of the snow and bush conditions existing in the area. For these reasons, it is recommended that a low level search using an L-20 or a C-47 might disclose the position of the clearing. Serial photos could be taken if the clearing is located, and a study of such photos should give a reasonable explanation for the clearing.

11. Further, the fact the Symeow had four unidentified plots at a height of 2000 feet about the time of [REDACTED] sighting adds weight to his report. Until these plots are definitely identified, it must be assumed that Johnson saw an object that could be an unidentified flying object.

12. A map, scale 1:50000, is included as App "B" and shows the route of the search party and the route presumably taken by [REDACTED] on his trip in to the clearing.

13. May the Detachment Commander be advised of any further information required by your command.

s/t/ (W.E. Dyck) P/L  
Detachment Commander  
72 RCAF Ground Observer Unit Detachment.